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Raised Bill No. 466 An Act Concerning Correctional Administrators

Good Morning Senator Coleman, Representative Fox, and members of the Judiciary Committee. The bill before you, An Act Concerning Correctional Administrators, makes changes to Connecticut General Statute 18-82 which will enable the Commissioner of Correction more latitude in the recruitment of key positions with the department.

It provides the Commissioner authority to appoint executive assistants who are not in the custodial chain of command to key positions. Additionally, the proposed bill broadens the range of qualifications to become a warden to include law enforcement administration.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.